

Call for Applications: Cancer Research Network (CRN) Co-Principal Investigators

The HMO Cancer Research Network (CRN) was established in 1999 with funding from the NCI, to maximize the potential of health care delivery systems to address important questions in cancer prevention and control. The CRN consists of the research programs, enrollee populations and databases of 14 health plans of the HMO Research Network.

The goal of the CRN is to conduct collaborative research to determine the effectiveness of preventive, curative and supportive interventions for major cancers that span the natural history of those cancers among diverse populations and health systems. The 14 health plans, with more than 10 million enrollees are distinguished by their longstanding commitment to prevention and research, and collaboration among themselves and with affiliated academic institutions. The CRN is comprised of several research projects, an administrative structure that establishes policies and guides the direction of the Network, a Data Resource Coordinating Center, and several cores.

Because the major growth of the CRN has caused increasing leadership burdens, and with the need to develop new leadership pending the retirement of the current PI and the need to decentralize leadership, the CRN Steering Committee has created two new CRN-wide Co-Principal Investigator positions, to help lead the organization.

Qualifications for each position:

1. Major interest in assuming a CRN leadership role
2. Cancer scientist with strong track record of funded research and publications
3. Meaningful prior experience in CRN activities
4. Demonstrated communication and leadership/management skills
5. Demonstrated ability to mentor other scientists and staff
6. Employed by or affiliated with one of the CRN participating research centers
7. Committed to multi-center, collaborative research
8. Appropriate time to commit to the activity

Job Description:

The Co-PIs will collaborate with and assist the CRN PI in the scientific development and oversight of the CRN as well as its scientific and financial management.

The Co-PIs and the PI will constitute the CRN Executive Committee, which will be supported by the Project Director. The CRN Executive Committee's responsibilities will be to:

- Manage the day-to-day operations of the CRN
- Coordinate CRN activities and policies with NCI

- Implement policies established by the CRN Steering Committee and other Committees and Cores
- Oversee CRN finances and assure compliance with federal guidelines
- Foster development of scientific infrastructure within each CRN site and collaboration across sites, and encourage the development of new research directions, projects, funding, investigators, and collaborative relationships
- Lead and coordinate interactions between the CRN and the Health Maintenance Research Network (HMORN)
- Plan the agendas of Steering Committee meetings

Individually, each Co-PI will have the following responsibilities (in collaboration with the CRN PI):

- Oversee specifically-assigned CRN sites. This should provide closer communication between the CRN central leadership and individual CRN sites. The Co-PIs will assist their sites' efforts to develop and participate in new research and build infrastructure. Site specific oversight should also help standardize functions across the CRN, in areas such as:
 - VDW development and use
 - Interaction with site clinicians
 - Collaborations with local cancer centers
 - Communication between each site and the HMORN
- Participate in and help assure the effective functioning of one of the following committees:
 - New Proposals
 - Publications
 - Collaboration and Communication
- Encourage and support the development of scientific programs in areas of major research interest to the CRN. This will include regular communication with relevant CRN, NCI and outside investigators, and providing organizational structures (e.g., scientific interest groups) and support to convene scientists interested in pursuing new projects.

Application procedure:

Interested persons should send the following materials electronically to Mcdonald.sj@ghc.org **by June 30, 2007**

1. A letter (no more than 2 single-spaced pages using 12 pt font and 0.5" margins), with:

- A description of the applicant's CRN experiences
- Important aspects of the CRN that the applicant thinks should be preserved and aspects that need improving
- How the applicant meets the listed qualifications of a CRN Co-PI
- 2-3 references

2. A current curriculum vitae